

## **Remarks/Arguments**

### ***Claim Summary***

By this Amendment, Claim 15 has been revised, and claims 9-10 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 4, 6-8 and 13-19 are now pending in the application.

### ***Claim Objection***

By this Amendment, claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 13, thus overcoming the informality noted by the Examiner.

### ***Allowable Claims***

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the allowance of claims 4, 6-8, 13-14 and 16-19.

Further, noting that claim 15 now depends from allowed claim 13, it is believed that claim 15 should be allowed as well.

### ***35 U.S.C. ¶102 – Kondo et al.***

By this Amendment, claims 9 and 10 have been canceled, thus rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶102.

***Conclusion***

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the Claims 4, 6-8 and 13-19 now-pending in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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